

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

International Patent Application  
No. PCT/FR98/00543

PCT/DO/EO/US

International Filing Date: 18 March 1998

Applicant: Albert ALBY

For: IMPLANT FOR OSTEOSYNTHESIS DEVICE AND TOOL FOR SETTING SUCH  
IMPLANT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper accompanies the U.S. national stage documents of the above-identified international application. The claims of the original application were amended during International Preliminary Examination and the amended claims are annexed to the International Preliminary Examination Report. The claims were submitted to the International Preliminary Examination Authority on April 7, 1999.

Before calculation of the filing fee and before examination on the merits, kindly amend the claims **as annexed to the International Preliminary Examination Report** as follows:

**AMENDMENT**

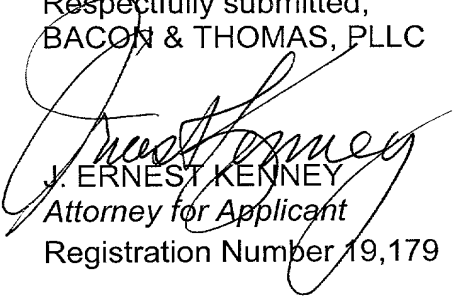
IN THE CLAIMS:

- Claim 3, line 1; change "one of Claims 1 or 2" to --Claim 1--;
- Claim 6, line 1; change "one of Claims 4 or 5" to --Claim 4--;
- Claim 7, lines 1 & 2; change "to one of the preceding Claims" to --Claim 1--;

**REMARKS**

All rights are reserved to the original claimed subject matter. Examination of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
BACON & THOMAS, PLLC

  
J. ERNEST KENNEY  
Attorney for Applicant

Registration Number 19,179

**BACON & THOMAS, PLLC**  
625 Slaters Lane, Fourth Floor  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Telephone: (703) 683-0500  
Facsimile: (703) 683-1080

Date: September 17, 1999

S:\Producer\jek\ALBY - temp\preliminary amendment.wpd